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SUBJECT: WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

1. AUSTRALIAN PRESS AND OTHER MEDIA HAVE DEVOTED ALMOST EXCLUSIVE ATTENTION DURING PAST THREE DAYS TO REVELATIONS OF DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER'S INVOLVEMENT IN SEEKING FOREIGN LOANS. SPECULATION IS RAMPANT AS TO EFFECT ON LABOR GOVERNMENT AND POSSIBILITY OF EARLY ELECTION.

2. DESPITE SENSATIONAL POLITICAL HEADLINES, POST PROGRAMMING OF STAG MARGARET MEAD AROUSED GREAT MEDIA INTEREST AND PROGRAMME WAS CRAMMED WITH RADIO AND TV INTERVIEWS BOTH PLANNED AND SPONTANEOUS. SYDNEY PROGRAMME BEGAN ON DAY OF ARRIVAL WITH PRESS CONFERENCE. ON JUNE 27 MEAD RECORDED ABC RADIO INTERVIEW ON "CONCEPTS OF HUMAN NATURE AS I HAVE UNDERSTOOD THEM" FOR PROGRAMME "IT IS ONLY HUMAN NATURE" PLUS TALK ON "CHANGING ROLES OF MEN AND WOMEN" FOR PRESTIGIOUS RADIO PROGRAMME "GUEST OF HONOUR". AT LAST MINUTE ALSO AGREED TO DO SHORT SEGMENT FOR IWY RADIO PROGRAMME "COMING OUT READY OR NOT". IN ADDITION MEAD APPEARED ON NATIONWIDE ABC-2 TV PROGRAMME "MONDAY CONFERENCE" ATTENDED BY MIXED AUDIENCE INCLUDING ABORIGINES AND NEW GUINEANS. ON JUNE 30, DR. MEAD MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF ROYAL COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS, AND LATER WAS RECEIVED BY LORD MAYOR SHEHADIE AT TOWN HALL. FINAL SYDNEY APPEARANCE WAS BEFORE JOINT MEETING LOCAL WOMEN'S

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ORGANIZATIONS, WHOM SHE ADDRESSED ON "NEW STYLES FOR WOMEN

LEADERS". IN CANBERRA JULY 1, DR. MEAD WAS GUEST OF HONOUR AT LUNCHEON HELD AT LAKESIDE HOTEL BY COMBINED VOICE, INTERESTS, EDUCATION OF WOMEN (VIEW) CLUBS. LUNCHEON ATTENDED BY OVER 700, MAINLY WOMEN. QUITE LIVELY QUESTION SESSION FOLLOWED MEAD'S ADDRESS ON "ROLE AND EFFECTIVENESS OF IWY". TALK BACKED UP BY PHOTO EXHIBIT IN HOTEL FOYER ENTITLED "PIONEER WOMEN OF AUSTRALIA AND AMERICA" USING AGENCY'S "AMERICAN WOMEN" PHOTOS AND PRINTS LOANED BY NATIONAL LIBRARY. AS FOLLOW-UP, VTR OF MONDAY CONFERENCE BEING DUBBED ON CASSETTE FOR SUBSEQUENT IWY PROGRAMMING. MEAD DEPARTED SYDNEY JULY 2 FOR PNG. FULL REPORT WITH PRESS CUTTINGS TO FOLLOW.

3. AUSTRALIAN FINANCIAL REVIEW JULY 1 FEATURED COMPLIMENTARY ARTICLE ON AMBASSADOR GREEN IN RESPONSE TO NEWS HIS IMMINENT DEPARTURE AUSTRALIA (SEE USINFO JULY 2).

4. IV GRANTEE DAVID M. CONNOLLY DEPARTED AUSTRALIA THIS WEEK. ETA U.S. JULY 6.
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